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KELLI GRIM TAKES SEAT ON TOWN COUNCIL

PURCELLVILLE, Va. – June 1, 2016 — The Town Council and Town Staff are happy to welcome Kelli Grim as a member of the Town Council. Ms. Grim (pictured below) was elected to fill the remaining term of Ben Packard, who resigned in January as his family moved out of Town. Ms. Grim's term began immediately after the election was certified and will run through June 30, 2018.

Ms. Grim's first meeting was the May 10th Town Council Meeting. "For many years I have spoken to Council about helping make our community better," said Ms. Grim. "I look forward to the new perspective of sitting on Council and the opportunity to shape the future of our Town."

Ms. Grim has been a resident of Purcellville for 9 years. When looking for a small town that had a strong mix of historic charm, eclectic businesses, and great educational opportunities, Ms. Grim and her family made Purcellville their home. It appeared to be everything that was described in the Comprehensive Plan that gave them the sense that Purcellville was a true "small town America" place to raise their family.

Ms. Grim has over 30 years of leadership, strategic planning, sales, and marketing experience in business for both public and private sectors in which more than half was as a successful residential and commercial realtor. She has coached youth sports, volunteered as a judge and coach for the Odyssey of the Mind program, and has remained actively involved in school, church, and community volunteering. She became a board member of the Hirst Farm Homeowners Association at its inception in 2007, served as President for 3 years, and currently serves as Treasurer. Ms. Grim has attended most town committee, commission, board, and council meetings for 8 years. She has always been a strong voice and advocate for the citizens and businesses in the community regarding open government, analysis of development based on fiscal impacts and benefits, responsible limitations on spending and indebtedness, and conflict of interest issues.

Ms. Grim and her husband Bobby reside in Hirst Farm with their daughter Abigail and four rescued pets that include three dogs and a rabbit.

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**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,500 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiques, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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